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Leaders from various parts of the state have been recruited to assist at the Young People's Conference being held July 30 to August 6 at Asilomar.

Indications point to the largest enrollment in our eight years history.

Dr. Noel J. Breed is to be Camp Director, Mrs. L. M. Drury dean of women and Rev. James H. Price dean of men.

The program is filled with information, interest and inspiration. There will be study, recreation, and social life. Instead of having four class periods in the forenoon as formerly, there will be three, each an hour in length. This change is made upon the advice of the Cacoypa Council and six other leaders who assisted the Program Committee. At each period there will be two courses, thus affording a choice for the student and making it possible for Church delegations to cover a wider field of material.

The High School courses will be: "Christian Work in Changing China" by Rev. Robert Whitaker of Tulare; "Revolution and Missions in India" by Rev. C. H. Hudson of Eureka; "The Life of Christ," by Rev. George E. Brown of San Mateo; "My Church and Its Work," by Rev. Noel J. Breed of Petaluma; "Everyday Christian Life" by Rev. T. T. Giffen of Plymouth Church Oakland; and "Methods of Young People's Work" by Rev. J. H. Bennett of Campbell.

The College Age Courses will be: "Christianity and the Far East" by Professor Obed S. Johnson of Wabash College, Indiana; "Living Christian Leaders" by Rev. John R. Hahn of Stockton; "The Life of Christ" by Rev. Edwin T. Sherman of Lodi; "The Philosophy of Religion" by Rev. Norman W. Henderson of Fresno; and "Comparative Religion" by a staff consisting of Mr. Hudson, Mr. Whitaker, Professor Johnson, Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee of Oakland, Professor George P. Hedley of Pacific School of Religion and Rev. Gail Cleland. This is certain to be an intensely stimulating course, each man presenting a single world faith, with ample time for questions following the lectures.

Rev. Gail Cleland will again be the Chaplain. That assures the value of the Chapel services!

A splendid faculty and excellent courses, so say we all.

### SONOMA COUNTY RALLY

The young people of the Sonoma Association are particularly fortunate in making plans for their rally at Santa Rosa, in that Dr. Fred Field Goodsell is to give the address of the evening.

Dr. Goodsell is executive vice-president of the American Board of Foreign Missions .He is visiting the coast in order to give the Baccalaureate Sermon at the University of California.

Dr. Goodsell is a vigorous, inspiring speaker, with a great message. All Congregational people of the vicinity are urged to hear this Christian statesman when he speaks in Santa Rosa on May 14.

The evening service, which is open to the public, will be held in the Congregational Church, starting at 7:30. Rev. J. J. Jones, is pastor of the entertaining church, and Rev. George Atkinson is chairman of the committee in charge.

## AS THE DIRECTOR SEES IT

**Asilomar is not a place, it is a spirit. It is not a vacation, it is an experience, an inspiration and a memory. Those of you who have attended before, know this for yourselves. Those of you who have not been a part of our previous Conferences have something very fine, something splendidly worth-while, in store for you. I hope that we may welcome many of the "old crowd" back again this summer. By all that you have learned and experienced you are fitted to gain still more, and to contribute more to our "Asilomar Spirit." I hope that we may welcome many of you who have never been a part of us before. We want the influence of the Conference to reach out in ever wider power, and you are the ones who can make this possible. Come to gain and to give. Come with a prayer, for yourself, for those who lead, and for all who shall fellowship together!**

**Noel J. Breed.**

## HOW TO RAISE IT

For accommodations, meals, use of grounds, building and other services, a charge is made to each delegate of $15.10. An additional registration fee of $2.00 should be at the Conference office by July 15. Registrations received after July 15th will be $2.50.

Various plans are used for financing church groups. Here are a few:

1. Each delegate pays full expense.
2. Church pays all or part of expense.
3. Young People's Society pays all or part.
4. Sunday School or choir contributes toward it.
5. Ladies Guild votes aid.
6. Bible class sponsors.
7. District association finances delegate.
8. Private individuals sponsor one delegate or more.
9. Letters appealing for aid to members and friends of church.
10. Church dinner with program.
11. Envelope for church use — designating gift.
12. Society dues or collections.
13. A box social, or other social charge.
14. A church service sponsored by Society, with special collection.
15. Food sale.
16. Plays and entertainments.

The following is printed on an envelope and used at Oakland First Church:

Asilomar Young People's Conference
Sponsor's Pledge

To assist in sending our young people's delegates to the Congregational Young People's Conference at Asilomar, for the summer of 1932.

Amount enclosed $.....
Amount pledged $.....
Date payable .....
Name .....
Address .....

Deposit this envelope with cash gift enclosed, or with pledge as indicated above, in collection plate, or mail to the office.

### NOTICE

Pastors who have members or friends being treated at the Bret Harte Sanitarium, Murphy, are requested to forward the names of the same to Rev. John T. Munton, Angel's Camp, who will make regular personal visits.

Rev. P. F. Royola has been called to the pastorate of the largest Congregational Church in the Philippines, at Cagayan, Misamis Oriental, P. I.

## STATE WIDE RALLY

The annual Spring Booster and Registration Rally and Banquet for the Young People's Summer Conference at Asilomar will be held this year at the First Congregational Church, Post and Mason Streets, San Francisco

Starting with a chicken dinner at 7:00 P M., and ending with an informal social, the Young People's Society of our First Church will act as hosts to the Congregational Young People of Northern California, Friday, May 20th

Dr. Kerrison Juniper will welcome the delegates. Speeches will be made by various conference celebrities. Cacoypa president, Carleton Peck, will preside at the banquet. "Pop" Breed will give the conference set-up. "Uncle Henry" will sing "Working on the Railroad." Miss Margaret Eaker, president of the entertaining society, will present a box of candy to the largest delegation. "Jimmie" Price will announce the registration contest, and everyone will get acquainted with everyone else. Please make reservations for the dinner with Miss Vivian Stout, at the church office, 432 Mason Street.

All societies should attend this rally with a report of total membership, beginning with the sophomore year in High School on through College, and the number planning to attend Asilomar. If it is impossible to be present, send the information to the Congregational Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, care of Rev. J. H. Price.

Mr. Robert Bird, advisor of the host society, is planning a number of entertaining numbers, and a wonderful time is assured to all. A charge of 50c is being made to assist in local expense. On to San Francisco Friday night, May 20, 7 P. M.! ! ! "Petaluma, please bring the Asilomar attendance banner." Who will eat that candy on the way home?

### GREETINGS AND REGRETS

Rev. Miles B. Fisher has asked for a letter of transfer from the Bay Association to the Los Angeles Association. This was granted, but with the regret of the Association where Dr. Fisher has kept his membership for many years. A copy of the community bulletin of La Canada has been received by the editor. It shows that the church is very closely identified with the community and that it is carrying forward a very active program of religious work.

## ON THEY COME

**Churches and Young People of Every Association in the Conference Planning Asilomar Delegations**

Great interest is being shown thruout the Conference in the work of the Young People. Active effort is being put back of the plan to have all churches represented at the annual Asilomar Conference July 30 to August 6.

The GERMAN CHURCHES have elected Edward Schwemler as official delegate, and many others plan to attend. Inspired by Miss Anna Folmar, an Asilomar Club has been formed in the Zion Congregational Church which has nearly $50 already raised.

The BAY ASSOCIATION, with Ralph Scott as special promoter for the Est Bay, is well organized and "setting the pace."

SANTA CLARA ASSOCIATION is planning to attend the May 20th rally in San Francisco with large delegations. Under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Bennett, assisted by Miss Martha Stamford, a goal of "50 at Asilomar" has been set and all hands are busy.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION with both Mrs. L. M. Drury and Rev. E. T. Sherman as promoters, will be well represented at the big summer Conference. Can they reach the goal of 35 registered by July 15? Last year there were 29. All in favor say "Count me in too."

HUMBOLDT ASSOCIATION will be represented at Asilomar by Pastor Charles H. Hudson. "Young people: Don't let him come alone."

MODOC ASSOCIATION is having its Third annual Asilomar Rally, this year at Adin, where Rev. Westwood Wallace is the energetic leader. Last year they had about 35 at their rally. We look for one auto load of young folks from up there. Also "Our" Mary Coxhead plans to bring a few of our Indian friends. Welcome to Asilomar!

SACRAMENTO ASSOCIATION always comes to Asilomar. Richard England has been called to one of our churches up there. Will you look toward a goal of ten from your six churches this year? "O. K., Asilomar."

SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION has put on a big original unique rally! It was held Friday, May 6th, in Fresno! International music and international foods. Rev. Norman B. Henderson is host pastor. On the program are: Supt. Gill, Miss Martha Stamford, Rev. and Mrs. Gail Cleland, Rev. G. L. Cady, and others. We will hear about it at the May 20th rally in San Francisco.

SONOMA ASSOCIATION is having a "Rally-Institute" Saturday May 14 at Santa Rosa, 3:30 to 9:00 P. M. Young people, bring your own lunches. Rev. J. J. Jones will have charge of the devotional song service to be followed by Dr. Fred F. Goodsell of national fame, who has been secured as a surprise speaker. Parson George Atkinson, with a strong helping committee appointed at the Association, is in charge of arrangements.

UPPER BAY ASSOCIATION, with Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum as Asilomar promoter, is aiming at an attendance of 25 from all 8 churches. We will be glad to hear how they are progressing at the San Francisco Rally on May 20th.

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A HAPPY CROWD! WILL YOU BE ONE?

## APPORTIONMENT PROGRESS

Contributions from the churches on the apportionment for the month of April, and for the year up to the end of April, as shown in the columns below:

| | April Receipts | Jan. 11 to April 30th |
|---|---|---|
| Adin | $ 11.42 | $ 34.35 |
| Angels Camp | | 25.00 |
| Benicia | | 25.50 |
| Berkeley, First | 645.00 | 1935.00 |
| Berkeley, North | 93.05 | 305.97 |
| Berkeley, Park | 24.00 | 24.00 |
| Ceres | | 80.00 |
| Cloverdale | 20.20 | 66.33 |
| Cotati | 4.17 | 52.59 |
| Crockett | 14.25 | 39.25 |
| Eureka | 52.78 | 52.78 |
| Fairfax | | 30.00 |
| Ferndale | 92.18 | 94.18 |
| Fresno, First | 37.50 | 37.50 |
| Grass Valley | | 10.38 |
| Guerneville | 10.00 | 20.00 |
| Kenwood | 14.46 | 14.46 |
| Lodi, First | 465.00 | 635.00 |
| Loomis | | 10.00 |
| Oakland, First | 590.00 | 1178.00 |
| Oalkand, Olivet | 5.15 | 5.15 |
| Oakland, Plymouth | | 300.00 |
| Oroville | | 30.00 |
| Pacific Grove | | 104.75 |
| Palo Alto | 175.00 | 500.00 |
| Paradise | 25.00 | 50.00 |
| Pescadero | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Petaluma | 85.00 | 185.00 |
| Pittsburg | | 17.24 |
| Redwood City | 60.00 | 196.85 |
| Reno, Nevada | 159.80 | 159.80 |
| Ripon | 5.00 | 15.00 |
| Sacramento | 240.00 | 275.00 |
| Salida | | 26.00 |
| San Francisco, Richmond | | 1.00 |
| San Jose | 75.85 | 285.85 |
| San Leandro | | 22.71 |
| Santa Cruz | | 200.00 |
| Santa Rosa | 45.55 | 112.51 |
| Saratoga | 225.00 | 225.00 |
| Sebastopol | 21.00 | 36.00 |
| Stockton | | 433.33 |
| Suisun | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Sunnyvale | | 7.00 |
| Tulare | 50.00 | 65.75 |
| Weaverville | | 13.75 |
| Woodside | 41.50 | 41.50 |
| | $3,342.86 | 8,034.48 |

## COMING EVENTS

May 14. Congregational Young People's Rally for Sonoma Association at Santa Rosa.

May 20. 7:00 p. m. Dinner and Conference-wide Rally of Congregational Young People at First Church, San Francisco.

July 5-14. Missionary Education Movement Conference. Asilomar.

July 30-August 6. Young People's Conference of Congregational Churches of Northern California. Asilomar.

October 4-5-6. Pacific Slope Congress. First Church, San Diego.

October 25-26-27. Northern California Congregational Conference, First Church, Berkeley.

## THIS SUMMER

**By Harry Thomas Stock**

More than forty Congregational and Christian young people's conferences. More than six thousand young people in them. But more important still; the right young people in each conference. Who are they?

Officers and tested leaders.

Those who go with the serious purpose of representing the church and of bringing back something of value to the church.

The important thing is that EVERY church shall send its key young people.

Why should we advocate this during days of depression? Those who have had profitable experience from summer conferences say:

The conference experience is one of those periods of "refreshment" or of rapid growth in Christian nature.

It is a training opportunity for the immediate duties of the church and of the young people's department or society.

It is an investment of the church in leadership, which cannot be easily duplicated.

It is important that the young people who go shall understand that they attend as representatives of the church. They should be approved or elected by the church. Cognizance of their leaving should be taken. It may even be wise to commission them with a formal ritualistic service. It should be understood that a formal report is to be made to the church, and that specific recommendations for the young people's program will be considered after their return. They are being sent for a high purpose, and they will not fail if wisdom is exercised in the selection of delegates and if their responsibility is impressed upon them.

## "GOOD OLD DAYS!"

A New York newspaper has a column each day in which the news from the Evening Post of one hundred years ago is run. While in New York, Superintendent Gill chanced to note the following paragraph taken from the Evening Post of January 20, 1832:

"One of the most powerful and, we should think, efficacious, arguments for temperance that ever fell under our notice is contained in the annual report of the Trustees of the Alms House of the City of Baltimore. Out of 1,006 adults admitted during the last year, but **twenty-seven** are of unquestionable temperate habits, while it has been satisfactorily ascertained that **nine hundred and sixty** were reduced to poverty by habits of intemperance. The evils transmitted from one generation to another by the sin of intemperance is also shown in the fact that of the children admitted into the institution, but eighteen were the progeny of temperate parents, while one hundred and nineteen were born of intemperate parents."

And let it be well remembered that these were "the good old days."

## ASILOMAR HYMN

Asilomar, I sing of Thee
Among the pines, beside the sea,
Where ocean breezes full and free
In love sweep over thee.

Chorus: Our voices raise, Asliomar,
And thee we praise, Asilomar,
Thy shadowed ways, where laughter plays,
Oh, happy days, Asilomar!

When shadows of the evening fall,
The wood fires leap, and voices call,
In love, we give to Him our all,
To Him, Asilomar.

## CENTRAL COUNTIES RALLY

The Young People from the churches of the Central Association, and from the city of Sacramento will hold an Asilomar supper and rally at Lodi, Friday evening, May 20. Following two or three brief addresses new and original games will be enjoyed by all. Mrs. L. M. Drury of Stockton and Rev. E. T. Sherman of Lodi are setting up the program.

## SOME CONGREGATION

A church congregation of 1500 at each service, is the report of Rev. Richard S. Webb, industrial missionary in Dondi, West Africa, who adds that the church is in the great out-of-doors and the people come from the student body at Dondi schools and from villages as far as five miles away. These five miles must be walked, of course. The people are feeling the depression even in that part of Africa. But a new school will soon be started at Dondi, if it is not already underway, for which Mr. Webb and his boys made 395,000 bricks last year. Webb, by the way, reports having heard the Harvard-Yale football game broadcast from Boston. He listened from 8 to 10 p. m.

## ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

Following is the list of officers and places of meeting of the various associations as they have thus far been reported to the Conference office:

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY** — Moderator: Mr. David H. Gill, Sacramento. Assistant Moderator: Mrs. E. O. Chapel, Grass Valley. Registrar: Rev. E. O. Chapel, Grass Valley. The Association meeting a year hence will be held at Weaverville.

**SONOMA ASSOCIATION** — Moderator: Mrs. George Tompkins, Petaluma. Registrar and Treasurer: Rev. L. D. Rathbone, Kenwood. The fall meeting will be held at Petaluma.

**UPPER BAY ASSOCIATION** — Moderator: Rev. Henry Stauffer, Antioch. Registrar: Rev. C. C. Champlin, Pittsburg. The meeting a year hence will be held at Crockett.

**SANTA CLARA** — Moderator: Rev. J. H. Bennett, Campbell. Assistant Moderator: Mr. W. F. Hyde, Palo Alto. Registrar: Dr. O. L. Elliott. The fall meeting will be held September 15th at Santa Cruz.

## U. C. L. A. BUILDING

On March 30th at 4:30 p. m. the new University Religious Center Building of the U. C. L. A., at 10845 LeConte Avenue was dedicated. This is one of the most significant buildings in the interest of religious education in California. The movement was started a number of years ago by the California State Church Federation; but is now carried on by the University Religious Conference, composed of Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews. On the same evening at eight o'clock, a Mass meeting was held at Royce Hall and the speakers were Archbishop E. J. Hanna, Rabbi E. F. Magnin, Dr. C. W. Buckner, Provost Ernest C. Moore, President Robert G. Sproul presiding. The speakers discussed the relationship of religion and State education. This is the first Pacific Coast Conference of its kind under the auspices of the North American Conference on Higher Education and Religion, of which Dr. O. D. Foster is Secretary.

## PROHIBITION PUBLICITY

Will all pastors of churches and others, willing to cooperate with the Board of Strategy on Prohibition please notify Rev. F. M. Larkin, 442 Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles, by postal card, if they are willing to cooperate in this great cause by receiving from the publicity committee, paragraphs to be published in their church bulletins; and also, if they are willing to use posters on the lawns of their churches. This material will be furnished by the W. C. T. U. office. This method of publicity will be very valuable but it depends upon the persons who are willing to cooperate and will send their names and addresses by postal cards.

## REV. JOHN BRERETON

Rev. John Brereton passed away quietly while at the dinner table at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Allard, in Willows, California, on Tuesday evening, May 3.

Mr. Brereton was born in Tullamore, Ireland, in 1855, and came with his parents to Canada in 1865. In 1880 he was married and moved to the United States. He graduated at the Chicago Theological Seminary and served Congregational churches in Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri. After serving a term as missionary of the A. M. A. in Arkansas, he was pastor of the Green Street and Sunset Churches in San Francisco, and at Woodland, California. The last years of his life were spent at the homes of his children, all of whom are living. His wife died in 1927.


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# NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

**SAN FRANCISCO. BETHANY-MISSION PARK** — Following the withdrawal of Trinity Presbyterian Church from the Federation, the Congregational and Methodist Churches have worked out a new agreement and are planning to go forward together. Rev. Newton E. Moats and Rev. Norman W. Pendleton have both insisted that the churches shall accept their resignations and this has been done, but with deep regret. Beginning with the middle of June there will be a Methodist pastor with a Congregational assistant. Whenever this pastorate shall come to an end there will be a Congregational pastor with a Methodist assistant. Both churches are represented by seven members on the Executive Council.

At a recent meeting the council passed the following resolution, which was endorsed by unanimous vote of the Methodist quarterly conference and the Bethany-Mission Park Church:

"The Council wishes to express its debt of gratitude to Dr. Pendleton for his beautiful and sacrificial spirit in offering to remain by the United Church in a co-pastorate during the coming year. The resignation of Dr. Moats makes this arrangement impossible, But we recommend that the Congregational Church, when its time for selecting a pastor arrives, a call shall be issued to Dr. Pendleton, the Methodist concurring in the appointment if Dr. Pendleton can favor the United Church, at that time, by an acceptance. We advise that recommendations to this effect shall be spread upon the minutes of the Methodist Quarterly Conference and of the Congregational Church in annual meeting."

In accepting Mr. Pendleton's resignation, the Bethany-Mission Park Church passed the following resolution:

"We hereby declare that it is our positive belief that Mr. Pendleton has been grievously wronged—without cause—and that he is wholly free from any responsibility for the withdrawal of the Presbyterian pastor and his group from the United Church.

"And furthermore, we hereby testify that to our belief his leadership has won the respect, confidence and devotion, not only of the Congregationalists, but also of the Methodists and a large group of the Presbyterians. His pulpit work has been outstanding; the broadcasting of his sermons has won hundreds of fan letters; the social service program developed under his direction has attracted the attention of the entire city; and his pastoral service has won our hearts.

"Therefore, we acceed to his pleading that his resignation be granted only, that the rotation of pastors, in the interest of economy and efficiency, may begin with a new Methodist appointee, and with distinct understanding that a call to return to the pastorate of the United Church shall be extended to Mr. Pendleton when the time to call a Congregational shall arrive."

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**OAKLAND. PLYMOUTH** — Rev. Horton Colbert has spent two months with this church, directing Sunday School and Young People's activities while studying for his degree at the Pacific School of Religion. The Plymouth Bulletin says: "It is with reluctance that we let him go, for in a few short weeks he has made a large place for himself. If he should stay much longer he would be quite indispensable." Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, has arranged for various clubs of the church to sponsor attendance at the Sunday services.

**OROVILLE** — More than 600 friends of the pastor, Rev. W. J. Johnson, gathered at the Congregational Church on a recent evening to do him honor. It was the occasion of his 86th birthday. Flowers, gifts and messages were delivered at the minister's home during the day, and felicitations were offered at the reception. Representatives of churches, lodges, and community organizations were present to bring greetings. It was a great outpouring of love, respect and appreciation. The Pacific joins these Oroville friends in congratulating Mr. Johnson and the Oroville church and wishing this truly young man many happy returns of the day.

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**AUBURN** — Rev. W. E. Eckles closes his work at this church during the first week of May, but plans to be present on May 8th, which will be the first Sunday of the pastorate of his successor, Mr. Richard N. England. Mr. and Mrs. England leave Oakland First Church with the affection of the young people, among whom they have labored for the past two years.

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**PORT CHICAGO** — A Junior Christian Endeavor Society has been organized. The people of Nichols, and Clyde are now sending their children to Sunday School at Port Chicago. The pastor, Mr. Raymond L. Cramer, preaches on Sunday afternoon at Ambrose. Vacation Church Schools are planned which will cover all of this community.

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**ALAMEDA** — "The Welcome" is the attractive name of the weekly bulletin published by this church. Seth Parker programs on Sunday evenings continue to draw large congregations. Recently the story of the Prodigal Son was presented as a Seth Parker feature, in which the sorrow of Parson and Mother Josiah Whitcomb over their lost boy was portrayed.

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**WEAVERVILLE** — While this church does not hold membership in a local association, it sent delegates to the Oroville meeting of the Sacramento Valley Association in April and asked to be admitted, which action will probably take place a year hence, when the by-laws of the Association have been amended.

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**REDWOOD CITY** — The Sunday School has maintained an average attendance of 223 for the past year. Its splendid orchestra has presented broadcast programs over two radio stations. The church is rejoicing in the coming of Rev. Norman W. Pendleton as the pastor. He began his service on Sunday, May 1.

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**SAN FRANCISCO. FIRST** — A noonday service on Wednesdays is offered to business men and women by this church. There will be special music by the organist and soloist, and a short message by Rev. Kerrison Juniper, the pastor of the church.

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**CALAVERAS COUNTY**—The church services which Rev. John T. Munton has been conducting at Copperopolis has been changed from Sunday afternoon to Thursday evening. The church attendance at Murphy has showed a marked improvement.

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**SAN JOSE** — On Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Washingtons' birthday, dinners were served to the unemployed. Rev. Benjamin Gould, the pastor, is leading his people in a real social service program.

**SANTA ROSA** — Forty members of the church choir and community club recently gave Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Jones a surprise party following the regular weekly hour of Bible study. Mrs. Jones, who has been the director of the choir, was presented with a beautiful bouquet, in the center of which was a gift of appreciation by the members of the choir, Mrs. William Youngman making the presentation. The community club also gave Mrs. Jones a substantial gift, and at refreshment time presented the pastor with a cake. Mrs. Susan Olson spoke appreciatively of the work of the pastor and his wife.

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**LODI** — A Colonial dinner was recently given by the senior Christian Endeavor Society, the tables being laid with old-fashioned red table cloths, and kerosene lamps were used for lighting. Colonial costumes were worn by hosts, hostesses and waitresses. Following the dinner "The Family Album was displayed. Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Sherman recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

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**RIPON** — On the Sunday following Easter five children and two adults were baptized and ten new members were received into the church. Ten autoloads of Sunday School children were recently entertained at a wildflower hunt and picnic in a lovely valley of the Sierra Mountains near Sonora. Rev. E. L. Spuller is the pastor.

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**OAKLAND. PILGRIM** — Rev. C. H. Cleaves, the pastor, has been ill for the past two weeks, spending a number of days in the hospital. He has directed the affairs of his parish thru the medium of members of his own family and the committees of the church. His pulpit has been occupied by Mr. W. Gillanders, Y. M. C. A. Secretary, and Superintendent Gill.

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**SAN MATEO** — This church will receive at its spring communion not less than 25 new members. The Sunday School attendance averages over 200. There are many young people in the church. A new constitution has been adopted and there is every evidence of enthusiastic cooperation with the new pastor, Rev. George E. Brown.

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**STOCKTON** — Rev. John R. Hahn, pastor, has been holding Sunday evening debates with the pastor of the Methodist church. On successive Sunday evenings they took opposite sides of the prohibition question, and later on the denial of citizenship to pacifists.

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**MARTINEZ** — According to Rev. Harvey Miller, the pastor, the church building is widely used by the community, serving as a meeting place for various clubs. A weekly Kiwanis Club luncheon is served by the ladies of the church.

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**SARATOGA** — In spite of difficult financial conditions, a finer spirit of service has been manifested than for some years. Attendance has increased, and church membership made a net gain of ten during the past year. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is the pastor.

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**SOQUEL** — Rev. J. C. Bolster, who has been serving this church for two years, has resigned to take effect June 15th.

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**BENICIA** — A small group is meeting Sunday evenings discussing book reviews with the pastor, Rev. E. W. Houlding.

**SAN CARLOS** — Although this community has been seriously affected by unemployment conditions, all bills are paid and a spirit of courage prevails. The Sunday School not only carries its own expense, but assists in the budget. The Young People's Society recently served as hosts at a union meeting with the Baptist Young People of Redwood City. Rev. R. B. Cherington is the pastor.

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**SUNNYVALE** — On a recent Sunday a whole family, consisting of parents and four older children united with the church. At another time four sisters from a single family came into fellowship. The property has been improved and Sunday School attendance has greatly increased. Rev. C. G. Marshall, the pastor, was prevented by illness from attending the Santa Clara Association meeting.

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**BERKELEY PARK** — The church recently presented the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, with a lot which lies adjacent to the church, it being understood that this lot will serve as a salary increase for a period of three years. On this property he plans to build a home for himself, which will be ready for occupancy in the early summer. A young people's club has been organized.

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**PITTSBURG** — At the recent meeting of the Upper Bay Association, the list of the lodges, clubs and community leaders who are identified with the Pittsburg church was read, which shows how closely the church is tied up with the life of the city. Rev. C. C. Champlin, the pastor, is a community man.

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**SACRAMENTO** — The questionnaire put out by the Social Service committee of the conference was made the subject of debate and vote at a recent Happy Night of the church. The pastor, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, plans to present the result of the vote at a Sunday evening service.

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**ANTIOCH** — A Men's League has recently been organized, which has resulted in an increased attendance of men at the services of worship. The Young People's Society recently took charge of a meeting at the Pittsburg Church. Rev. Henry Stauffer is the pastor.

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**GUERNEVILLE**—Fifteen people have united with this church, most of whom have come voluntarily to the pastor, Rev. James W. Price, requesting to be received. On a recent Sunday evening, when Superintendent Gill lectured, there were 95 people present in the church.

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**FAIRFAX** — Three new members have been received during the past month. The pastor, Rev. James H. Price, has been giving a large amount of time to the promotion of the Asilomar Young People's Conference.

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**WOODSIDE** — This church expects to close its fiscal year with a balance of $300 in the treasury. Believe it or not! Rev. Benjamin St. John, the pastor, recently underwent an operation for an infected finger.

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**SUISUN** — Eleven new members have been added to the church since January 1st. Rev. Alfred Pollard is the pastor.

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**OAKLAND. FIRST** — A girls' room is being fitted up and furnished in a most attractive way.

# WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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## A LETTER FROM OUR FRIENDS THE "WETS"

**Dear DRYS:**

**We have tried hard for many years to beat Prohibition, but now we must throw ourselves upon your mercy, for up to the present time we have miserably failed. We have had our wealthiest wet citizens pay for wet newspaper propaganda, stand back of the American Legion's pathetic appeal "we want beer!" (infantile and amusing as it does sound to a sane, grown up public) and in every possible way we have sought to break the law of this land which we have sworn to uphold.**

**At present we are not even receiving fair (?) play in California from the United States we so loyally (?) support, for she has "cruelly broken faith" with us in regard to those simple (?) home made wines and beers, which only succeed in making a person feel happy and which might not lead to only a few hundred more automobile accidents and deaths each year than usual. Besides, all we ask is that the eighteenth amendment be "revised to permit us to sell wines in homes, hotels and cafes" . . . and LATER OTHER PLACES. (We will keep this last suggestion between ourselves, however, as most of the "drys" are unduly suspicious—WHEN NOT INDIFFERENT—but very obtuse.) Now I ask you, is this not a perfectly harmless, simple request? .....**

**"We (WETS) have supported National Prohibition for twelve years," but now, alas, we must "fight the amendment," because, forsooth, our pocketbooks have been affected and our "passionate thirst" for drink still remains unquenched.**

**Our young people, too, in whom we have never taken so much interest since the "good old saloon days," seem to be slipping from our grasp and are causing us grave concern. They are not yearning for the good old brass rail as earnestly as we hoped a few years ago, and try as hard as we will, we find it impossible to muddle up the thinking of an intelligent American public by our false statements, or worse still, half truths in regard to prohibition.**

**We are now growing old in the fray, for it is really the fathers and grandfothers who long so constantly for the "good old days" when men lay about in the gutters and tumbled off our street cars (if they were not first put off).**

**Our sons do not know this intense thirst except from us, nor the joy of being able to gratify this thirst legally.**

**And now, having failed in our attempts to end Prohibition by fair means or by foul, we appeal to the goodsportsmanship of the DRYS entrenched behind the eighteenth amendment and ask you, with tears in our eyes and sobs in our voices, to give us a chance to vote on this subject as a whole people in order to defeat the eighteenth amendment. Even if, through the referendum of electing legislators every two years the majority has defeated the WETS, we feel sure it has been a mistake and should be rectified.**

**Look at the LITERARY DIGEST poll, for instance, 20 million votes sent out and ONLY 4 MILLION RETURNED—16 MILLION NOT EVEN USED. Need one ask for a better proof of a WET MINORITY that should be given a chance?**

**Then we know so well and are so saddened (?) by the fact (?) that "Prohibition laws are responsible for the laxity of respect for all laws and for an acute increase in crime and immorality." This alone stirs our patriotic (?) souls to their depths!!!!!**

**Hence, in the face of all these unbiased (?) facts, we are writing you.**

**Hoping to receive a favorable reply to this letter soon, we remain,**

**Yours in the spirit of fair play,**

**THE LAW ABIDING (?) WETS.**

### RECIPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL SPRING MEETING

Take a background of California sunshine, innumerable green hills dotted with a riot of colorful blossoms, together with fine roads leading to Campbell, in the Santa Clara Valley with its vine covered homes; next add one Congregational church, with cordial greetings from its minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bennett and their people.

Mix gradually the following ingredients: (1) a heart searching address by Supt. Harley H. Gill based upon the wonderful, self-sacrificing work of Donaldina Cameron, for thirty-seven years the saviour of little Chinese slave girls in San Francisco, (2) a few drops, as many as one can afford, of Thank Offerings, as suggested by Mrs. Geo. E. Savage; (3) a new pungent seasoning of our Young Peoples Work, with a liberal dash of Asilomar thrown in (product recommended and approved by Miss Martha Stamford); (4) varigated spices on the Dollar Plan, an unusually fine brand, by Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, with an equal amount on the Tragedies of Little First Wives in China, by Dr. Susan T. Sargent and Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins.

To this mixture add two heaped up measures and running over of forceful addresses, one by Mrs. James Hazlett, on Schweitzer, the talented musician and consecrated missionary doctor in Africa, the other on Racial Problems in America by Dr. G. L. Cady of New York.

Moisten this mixture thoroughly with the latest reports—given by Mrs. W. T. Thorsen—on the California Board of Strategy, which will endorse and name the proper "dry" Legislators and Congressmen for the November election.

Fold in with appropriate music, devotions, picnic luncheons, unbounded hospitality and friendliness, together with a capable presiding officer, Mrs. C. T. Tinker, our President.

Pour all into one Congregational Church auditorium guaranteed to hold 200, but allowing for an overflow of 131. Time required for proper assimilation the morning and afternoon of one glorious April day. Before serving sprinkle generously with sincere and appreciative words to those deserving them. Serve hot, according to Revelation 3:15, 16, with the thick, richly seasoned sauce of enthusiasm.

CAUTION! A spring meeting is not a hit-or-miss affair by any means. Its success depends upon a good program. careful preparation, the best material available, skilful handling and a well chosen place of meeting. When any one of these factors is neglected or overlooked, the Recipe may be a "hit," but the value of it is more likely to be "missed."

The number attending the spring meeting was 331. They came from the following 24 cities and towns: Stockton, Ceres, Salida, Sacramento, Sebastopol, Petaluma, Benicia, Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, Niles, San Francisco, San Leandro, Fairfax, Mill Valley, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Sunnyvale, San Mateo, Campbell, Pacific Grove, Palo Alto, Redwood City, Saratoga. Guests were also present from New York, Montana and Illinois.

## BOARD OF STRATEGY

All the "dry" organizations in California, big and little, have been coordinated for the 1932 Campaign under the California Branch of the National Board of Strategy.

Trustworthy "dry" leaders of different parties from different sections, WITHOUT PERSONAL PREFERENCE AND BIAS, will select ONE candidate for each office to be filled. Then each voter MUST vote as suggested unless he is willing to see happen again what has happened so many times before i. e., the minority "wets" walking straight into office through the divided ranks of the "dry" majorities. **We must be willing to take leadership or else accept defeat.**

The Congregational Women of Northern California have elected Mrs. James Hazlett as their representative on the California Board of Strategy.

### NOTICE

Anyone having books or games in good condition, suitable for high school boys, either bring or send them to the Federation meeting, the third Thursday of the month, First Congregational Church, Oakland. Mr. Royola needs them for his boys' work in the Philippines.

### OUR METHOD: FRIENDSHIP

"Our task in Syria is to recommend Jesus' way of life by deed and word," write Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Adkins from Aleppo, Syria. "Our method of work is through friendship with the people, individually and through our home. The Moslem world with its prejudices and complacency presents difficulties which at times seem insurmountable. Suspicion of our motives is universal. We are believed to be high-salaried government employees sent here for political propaganda. When we try to correct this misunderstanding and explain that we have no connection with any government, but are supported by the voluntary contributions of private people of good-will, we are not really believed because deception is considered to be part of the warp and woof of life here. Our Protestant Armenian friends, however, have experienced the purification of human motives that Christ can give, and because of this they do understand us in a very real way. . . .

"Our newly acquired portable moving picture machine which is run by attachment to the battery of our Ford car is a great asset to our work. The films that have been shown so far are borrowed ones, and we greatly need some of our own. . . . It is not easy to find suitable films other than educational or recreational ones, and we need also stories and biographies that give strong inspiration for better living. When we do own the right films, they will be of the greatest value to us, both in the villages and cities."

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins are the foreign representatives of First Church, Oakland.

### 10,000 IN MOSQUE

For the first time in history on Friday, January 22, the Koran was read in Turkish in a mosque service. This took place in Istanbul. Prior to this event only the sacred Arabic tongue had been used. The mosque was crowded to the doors. The Night of Power was observed later in St. Sofia with 10,000 worshipers inside, thousands unable to get in and nearly a thousand foreigners witnessing the ceremony from the gallery. The service was broadcast from a set in the mosque and flashlight pictures of the crowds appeared in the newspapers the next day. When the Turkish readings began many cried "God, oh God!" —because they understood the words.

## Y. P. PROJECTS

Three special undertakings of our Congregational churches were adopted last year at Asilomar as the projects of the Californa Congregational Young People's Association, and letters were sent urging that a study be made of them and support voted by the local societies. Reports on this work as well as pledges for future plans will be heard at the conference this summer.

Delegates are urged to inform themselves on these as well as other society activities so that the "annual reports" may be complete.

The resolution as adopted last year by the Cacoypa reads as follows:

"Having met some of our Congregational missionaries, and studied the work which our denomination is doing in the world, the United States, and our own state, California, we hereby recommend:

"That our societies be urged to support the three projects suggested by our State Projects Committee: Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Wagner, China; work in Porto Rico; and Miss Mary Coxhead, Fort Bidwell, California.

"And that copies of this resolution be sent to the State Projects Committee and the Women's Federation of Northern California."

Details of this work may be obtained from Miss Martha Stamford, young people's secretary for the Women's Federation, whose address is 342 Elm St., San Mateo.

### A MIRACLE?

Recently a baby was born into an Indian family in Satara, India, but the Welfare nurse from the Friendship Center was not called until the infant had arrived and, showing no signs of life, had been laid aside for burial, uncovered and neglected. The family wailed. The nurse arrived, found the wee thing and upon examination discovered no pulse but faint heart beats. By means of artificial respiration and hot and cold douches she revived the timid spark of life and handed over to an astonished family a "perfectly good baby." Slowly but surely the Christian clinics are winning their way against the ignorance and superstition which surrounds the poverty-stricken women of Satara, and is leading them toward healthful ways of life.

## In Memoriam

**WHEN** I have gone,
**IF** there is some work
**GOING** on, and on
**THAT** I have loved,
**AND** helped along,
**AND** strengthened
**BY** remembering it
**IN** my will,
**THAT** will be
**MEMORIAL** enough
**FOR ME.**

**Form for Bequest**

I give and bequeath to
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE
the sum of.....
Name.....

Information furnished by
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**Phelan Bldg. San Francisco**